ASCENSION DAY SERVICE.

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¶ The Sir Knights with Swords at "a carry," following the Choir and Clergy, will enter the Asylum or Church in the following order:

I. THE STANDARD GUARD, WITH BANNER.
II. THE SIR KNIGHTS.
III. THE OFFICERS.
IV. THE PRELATE.
V. THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMANDERY.
VI. THE EMINENT COMMANDER.
VII. THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.
VIII. THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN.

¶ The following Hymn will be sung by the Choir while the Sir Knights are marching to the seats assigned to them.

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise
Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies;
Alleluia!
Christ the Lamb for sinners given,
Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven.
Alleluia!

2. There for Him high triumph waits,
Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates—
Alleluia!

He hath conquered death and sin.
Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in.
Alleluia!

3. Lo! the heaven its Lord receives,
Alleluia!
Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
Alleluia!
Though returning to His throne
Alleluia!
Still He calls mankind His own.
Alleluia!

4. See! He lifts His hands above,
Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love;
Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow,
Alleluia!
Blessings on His Church below.
Alleluia!

5. Still for us He intercedes,
Alleluia!
His prevailing death He pleads,
Alleluia!
Near Himself prepares our place,
Alleluia!
He the first-fruits of our race.
Alleluia!

6. Lord, though parted from our sight,
Alleluia!
Far above yon azure height,
Alleluia!
Grant our hearts may thither rise,
Alleluia!
Following Thee beyond the skies.
Alleluia!

¶ When all are in their places standing, the order will be given "Return Swords," "Uncover," then the Prelate or Minister will say,

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.

Thou hast ascended on high, Thou hast led captivity captive; Thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

¶ The order will then be given "To your devotions, Sir Knights," and all kneeling will repeat after the Prelate or Minister.

A GENERAL CONFESSION.

Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent; According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, And the power, And the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then the Prelate or Minister shall say,

O LORD, open thou our lips,
Answer. And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ Here, all standing up, likewise he shall say,

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

Answer. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prelate. Praise ye the Lord.

Answer. The Lord's name be praised.

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¶ Then, all standing, will be read responsively the following Psalms, appropriate for Ascension Day. At the end of the first Psalm, the Gloria Patri will be sung, or said together. At the end of the second Psalm, the Gloria in Excelsis.

PSALMS FOR ASCENSION DAY.

Psalm xxiv.

DOMINI EST TERRA.

1. The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.
2. For He hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.
3. Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall rise up in His holy place.
4. Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbor.
5. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
6. This is the generation of them that seek Him; even of them that seek thy face, O Jacob.
7. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
8. Who is the King of glory? It is the Lord strong and mighty, even the Lord mighty in battle.
9. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
10. Who is the King of glory? Even the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

THE GLORIA PATRI.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Psalm xlvii.

OMNES GENTES, PLAUDITE.

1. O Clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2. For the Lord most High, is terrible: He is a great King over all the earth.
3. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.
4. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
5. God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.
6. Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7. For God is the King of all the earth; sing ye praises with understanding.
8. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.
9. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham; for the shields of the earth belong unto God; He is greatly exalted.

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THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth, peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

¶ Then all being seated, will be read

THE FIRST LESSON.

2 KINGS II: 1-15 OR DEUT. X: 12-21.

¶ Then, all standing, will be sung Psalm xcii.

BONUM EST CONFITERI.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most Highest.

To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; upon a loud instrument, and upon the harp.

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy works; and I will rejoice in giving praise for the operations of thy hands.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then, all being seated, will be read

THE SECOND LESSON.

ST. LUKE XXIV: 44 TO END. EPHE. IV: 17. REV. XV: 1-14.

¶ Then, all standing, will be sung, Psalm lxvii.

DEUS MISEREATUR.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us, and show us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad; for thou shall judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, even our own God shall give us His blessing.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the world shall fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ Then, after orders have been given to bring Swords to a "Present," will be said by all in concert,

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He decended into hell; The third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints: the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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¶ After the order to "Return Swords," the Prelate or Minister will say,

The Lord be with you.
Answer. And with thy spirit.

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¶ Then, all kneeling, the Prelate or Minister will say,

Let us pray.
Prelate. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us thy salvation.
Prelate. O God, make clean our hearts within us;
Answer. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

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THE PRAYERS.

¶ The Collect for Ascension Day.

THE COLLECT.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen

We give Thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labors. And we beseech thee, that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy Name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O Eternal God who rulest the heavens and the earth we commend to thy Almighty protection all those who journey or are about to journey, whether they travel by land or by sea, and also those who sojourn in foreign lands, may it please thee to abide with them whereso-ever they may be and to bring them in safety to the haven where they would be, with a grateful sense of Thy mercies; and be pleased O most merciful Father to remember those whom they may leave behind and grant that in health and prosperity they may welcome their own returning and rejoice with them in safety and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O, God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that

it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are anywise afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth, most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts, grant them in health and prosperity long to live; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION.

Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle has taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty.

We beseech thee also, so to direct and dispose the hearts of all Christian Rulers, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of virtue and thy true religion. Bless O, Heavenly Father, the

members of the Orders of the Knights of the Red Cross, and Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, wherever they may be dispersed throughout the world, the various Subordinate Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; that with meek heart and due reverence they may hear and receive thy holy word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their lives.

We beseech thee to give thy heavenly grace to the Most Eminent Grand Master, and to all the other Officers; preserve them from all error, ignorance, pride and prejudice; bestow upon them the spirit of unity peace, truth, and charity, that they may never forget their solemn vows and promises, nor abandon the Faith they have sworn to defend; replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them abundantly with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long to live, and finally, when their earthly pilgrimage is ended, may they be received into the arms of the blessed Immanuel, and there forever participate in Thy heavenly kingdom.

We most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, to comfort and succor all destitute widows, helpless orphans and others who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's Sake, our only mediator and advocate. Amen.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

¶ Then, all standing, shall be sung by all

THE ASCENSION HYMN.

Tune ... ... HEBRON.

"The King of glory shall come in.

"The rising GOD forsakes the tomb,
Up to his FATHER'S court he flies;
Cherubic legions guard him home,
And shout him welcome to the skies.

Break off your tears, ye saints, and tell
How high our great Deliv'rer reigns:
Sing how he spoil'd the hosts of hell,
And led the tyrant Death in chains.

Say "Live forever, glorious King,
Born to redeem, instruct, and save!"
Then ask, "O Death, where is thy sting?
And where thy victory, O Grave?"

¶ The Sir Knights and Congregation will then be seated.

THE ADDRESS.

¶ Then, all standing, will be sung, the

ASCRIPTION GLORIA PATRI.

¶ Then, all seated, will be sung by the Choir the following

ANTHEM.

"King all Glorious! Lord of Hosts Almighty. Thou art revealed in Victory! O'er the worlds of light ascended. King all Glorious. Thou art revealed in Victory. We pray Thee leave us not comfortless, but send the great FATHER'S promise on us, the Spirit of Truth, Thy Spirit. King all glorious, Alleluia! Amen.

¶ Then the Prelate or Minister will say, Let us Pray, and all kneeling will repeat the following

PRAYER.

Sovereign Master, Invisible, Immortal, Glorious, who didst of Thine infinite compassion, give thy Son, to be the sin bearer of the world. And who, after he had been betrayed by Judas, denied by Peter, doubted by Thomas,—ascended to the right hand of Thy Majesty: accept the homage of our hearts, and these our humble supplications.

May the Holy Spirit, breathed by the Ascended One on his Apostles, be breathed this day on us, that our faith in the verities of our sacred religion may be deepened and confirmed, that we may be kept from the sin of the Traitor; from the faithlessness of the Denier, and the incredulity of the Doubter. And that having fought the good fight, we receiving pardon for our offenses, may be brought off conquerors, and more than conquerors, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then, all standing, will be sung by all the

DOXOLOGY.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

BENEDICTION.

The orders will then be given, Commandery, Attention! Draw, Swords, after which the Standard Guard of the Commandery will proceed to the place of deposit of the Commandery Beauseant or Banner, salute, recover the same and return to a position in front of the Commandery, when the order will be given, Commandery, Present Swords, Carry Swords, then the Standard Guard will resume their position in the Lines and the Commandery will retire from the Asylum or Church in regular order, the Eminent Commander in command.

The Congregation will remain standing in their places until the Choir, Clergy and Sir Knights have passed out of the Asylum or Church during the Recessional Hymn.

RECESSIONAL HYMN.

1. Onward, Christian soldiers,
Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
Going on before.
Christ, the Royal Master,
Leads against the foe;
Forward into Battle,
See, His banners go.— CHO.

2. Like a mighty army,
Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
Where the saints have trod;
We are not divided,
All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
One in charity.—CHO.

3. Onward, then, ye people,
Join our happy throng;
Blend with ours your voices
In the triumph-song;
Glory, laud, and honor,
Unto Christ the King;
This through countless ages,
Men and Angels sing.—CHO.